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The terms and rules of the contest are brief and simple. Every collector and every dealer is eligible for entry in the contest. Prizes will be given in each group.

If you wish to participate in this contest for the full three month period beginning January 1 and ending March 31, 1929, you may do so. If you do not work through the entire period you may work through any full month or any part of the period and still be eligible for the monthly prize or for one of the final prizes in the contest.

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To collectors or dealers who wish to participate in this contest we ask that you advise us at once as to how many

LIST OF PRIZES
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1st prize	1000 8½x11 inch Letter heads, printed to your order on Hammermill Bond.
2nd prize	100 Linprint, loose leaf blank approval books, ten pages to each book.
3rd prize	One Loose Leaf Columbus Album.

The above prizes will be distributed each month to the collector or dealer in the respective groups who score the highest number of points as outlined above.

	For Collectors
1st prize	1000 letter heads and 1000 envelopes printed to your order.
2nd prize	500 letterheads and 500 envelopes printed to your order.
3rd prize	Three Columbus Loose Leaf Blank albums, 100 pages each.

It will be noted that in offering prizes we have attempted to offer something that will be of use to any collector or dealer and at the same time something that is well worth the effort that must be put forth to gain the prize.

The contest is open for all subscriptions received on or after January 1st, and up to the end of January for the first monthly prize, after February 1st and up to the end of February for the February monthly prize, after March 1st and through the end of March for the March monthly prize. After March, the grand total for the three months will determine the winner of the grand prizes. Thus you may win a prize each

subscription blanks you can and will distribute, either in person or in your mail up to the end of March, 1929. We will print and send prepaid to you such number of blanks as you will agree to distribute. All blanks will bear your name and address so that we may know to whom to credit the subscription when it comes to our office.

Each subscription received will count as one point, the collector or dealer having the greatest number of points to his credit at the end of January, February and March, will be adjudged winner in his group. The one having the largest number at the end of the three month period will be adjudged winner of the grand prize at the end of the contest.

Collectors and dealers must enter the contest under their proper group. Advise us under which group you are to be entered when applying for blanks. Should we discover that you have applied for entry under the wrong group we will cancel your credits and disbar you from the prizes.

For the Dealer

One half-page advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

Same as for the collectors prize.

One-half column advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

The 4th to

the 10th prize in each group, for collectors or for dealers, will be 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 Loose leaf approval books for the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th winners.

In addition to the monthly prizes there are also grand prizes at the end of the contest for both collectors and dealers, as follows.

For Dealers

One full page advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

One half page advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

3rd prize

250 Loose Leaf Blank approval Books, Linprint style, 10 pages to the book.

month and still win the final or grand prizes. Any collector or dealer is eligible for entry. No restrictions, simply hustle for subscriptions in your own way and may the hardest workers win.

Entries for this contest will not be accepted after December 20th. If you want in the contest get your application in at once for the number of blanks that you can use. These will be prepared and sent you before the end of December. A list of those who have entered the contest will be published in a later number. The Monthly results will be published after the end of each month but no figures other than these will be supplied to anyone.

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Ancient Postal Wonders

Marco Polo Describes the Posts of Kublai Kahn

A RECENT number of THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE in commenting on the wonderful achievements of the celebrated Venetian explorer Marco Polo discloses some interesting information regarding the surprisingly efficient postal service of China in the 13th Century as gleaned from the writings of Marco Polo himself.

From the modern viewpoint, the postal system of Kublai Khan, the great Kahn of Marco Polo's wonderful narration, was a highly organized and efficient institution. Radiating from Peking were highways to various provinces, along which were "horse posthouses" at intervals of 25 miles. These stations were handsomely equipped and at the major ones were kept 400 horses. Even through roadless tracts they were maintained.

Between the posthouses were shelters for foot runners. These runners wore wide belts "set all over with bells, so that as they run the three miles from post to post their bells are heard jingling a long way off." This assured relays being ready to seize a message instantly.

The system even had parcel-post and special-delivery features. In season the Khan ate fruit for supper at Xanadu which had been gathered that morning at Peking—ordinarily ten days distant.

Moreover, at these stations were men similarly equipped, employed for express when the monarch was in haste to communicate with provincial governors. "These men," Marco stated, "travel a good 200 or 300 miles in the day and as much

in the night." And this in the 13th century!

Horses stood at stations, ready saddled, and when the approaching bells were heard, horse and rider were equipped to carry on. These riders were highly rewarded, and it is explained, "they could never do it did they not bind hard the stomach, chest, and head with strong bands."

Such a system was far ahead of European communications of the period. Marco stated that "on all of these posts, taken together, more than 300,000 horses were kept up, specially for the use of the messengers."

New Governor of New York a Philatelist

Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was Assistant Secretary of the Navy under the Wilson Administration is a Stamp Collector. He is also a member of the New York Collectors Club. Mr. Roosevelt was born at Hyde Park, New York, in 1882. He is a graduate of Harvard and of the Columbia University Law School. During the late war, he acted as inspector of United States Naval forces in European waters and was in charge of demobilization in Europe in 1919. Mr. Roosevelt was elected Governor of New York in November after a very dramatic campaign, carrying the state in the face of the Smith defeat.

New Pages For Scott U. S. Album

Collectors who are using the loose leaf National Stamp Album for U. S. stamps as published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company will probably be glad to hear that

the Scott Company have issued supplementary pages that now bring the album up to date. The pages are now ready and collectors who have the National Album can now buy pages and bring their album up to date, it is not necessary to buy a complete new album.

Philatelic Burbank Expands Business

Mr. A. E. Kunderd, of Goshen, Indiana, is well known to collectors as a grower of gladioli. Mr. Kunderd has just purchased from Lee R. Bonnewitz of Van Wert, Ohio, his stock of peonies and iris. This purchase will give Mr. Kunderd the largest commercial flower gardens in America.

Novel Stationery

Joseph Hoffman of the Hoffman Stamp Company of New York certainly must have taken a course in advertising somewhere for he realizes the value of advertising and has applied it in a way that other dealers would do well to follow. The letter paper of this enterprising dealer is one of the most attractive pieces of printed matter that we have ever seen issued by a stamp dealer in this country. The top of the sheet shows a ship under full sail in the center of the paper, at the right is a stage coach, a pony express rider, an airplaine and a fast mail train all appropriately grouped, while at the left side is a youngster in an easy chair before a library table with his stamp album and a globe of the world on the table, in small words above this, is "Entertainment—Instruction—Recreation". The picture is

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**Editorials****THE HUMAN ELEMENT**

To the man who has done business with the Scott Stamp and Coin Company for many years, there is apparent from time to time a gradual change in the business methods of this Company. The average collector as well as the dealer has a right to feel and should feel a very deep interest in the Scott business. It is to Scott that we look for our annual American Stamp Catalog, it is to Scott that we look for our printed albums and much other Philatelic material that is necessary to the trade as well as to the collector. The Scott Company can best serve the collector as well as the dealer by taking both parties into their confidence and inviting them to become better acquainted with the workings of this great organization. The Scott Company should realize and is beginning to realize that the collector is interested in their business. Quite frequently of late, articles about the workings of this organization have found a place in the pages of the Scott Monthly Journal, whereas in past years it was the general belief that the only thing worth printing in a stamp paper was something about stamps.

In the November issue of the Scott Journal is a very interesting article on the publication of their annual catalog. The article is nicely illustrated but far too short, far too little that would be interesting is told and we do hope that sometime the Scott Company will learn that a lengthy article on this

subject will be of much interest to all stamp collectors.

While on the subject of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company as well as their Monthly Journal we are glad to take enough space to say that without exception, the Scott Monthly Journal is the best printed and neatest looking Philatelic Magazine that has come to our attention. We congratulate the printers as well as the Scott Company for providing them with material with which to do the class of work that they are doing.

PRECANCEL In this number of the News we again have a department for precancels. Our arrangements for this department as originally planned seem to have become upset. Mr. Rotnem was to have supplied copy for each number but after his first lot of copy, nothing else appeared and we feared for a while that Vic had entered politics of some other field that had been absorbing all his time but we just had a letter from him in which we learn that the cause for the lack of attention on his part has been due to work on the new Precancel Catalog which we understand will soon be ready.

However in the meantime we have arranged with Mr. H. S. Dickey, an old time precancel man and we are going to let Mr. Dickey handle the Precancel Department for a time at least.

WE TREMBLE WITH FEAR Let us hope that none of the over-enthusiastic countries of Latin America will become so hot up in their warm-blooded way, that they will start surcharging stamps or getting out new issues in celebration of the visit of President Elect Herbert Hoover.

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Do not fail to read the particulars of this contest on the inside of the front page. We believe that through the help of our friends we will be able to build our circulation up to our present aim of 2000 paid subscribers before the end of the contest. We are offering a number of prizes that are worthy of your effort and we are doing this at a time when we already have requests from several different parties who express a willingness to include our subscription forms in their mail. Write us at once, tell us how many you will use in a three month period and we will prepare them and send them to you and with the hope that you may carry off one of the prizes that we are offering for assisting us in building up our list.

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Special Cachets for International Aeronautical Congress Events

The Postoffice Department has authorized the use of a special cachet at the temporary station at the International Aeronautical Exposition in Chicago, December 1 to 9, for all letters from that station by air mail.

In Washington, December 12, 13, 14, a special steel cancellation will be used on all air mail letters sent through the special station in the United States Chamber of Commerce Building.

At Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, a special cachet has been provided for the postmaster for all air mail letters through his office on December 17.

C. A. M. 27, Cachet for Nov. 27.

It may be coincident and again it may have been planned for luck, that the C. A. M. Route 27 from Chicago to Bay City, Mich., added stops at Flint and Pontiac, Michigan on November 27. On this date a special cachet was used at both Flint and Pontiac to properly record the beginning of air mail service from these cities.

The cachet is almost square, 2½ inches wide by 2¼ inches high. A double line border surrounds a map of Michigan bordered by lakes Michigan and Huron, also showing the principal cities of Michigan served by air mail routes. Across the face of the cachet are the words:

FIRST FLIGHT
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NOV. 27, 1928.
AIR MAIL C. A. M. 27
BAY CITY - CHICAGO

The cover which we take this information from was sent us by Mr. J. H. Davis Reynolds of Flint. The cachet is in violet. The cover bears no backstamp at Columbus.

Seven Hundred New Airports

The practice of listing every city or town that proposes to build a new airport has become more or less general in the columns of the philatelic press that is devoted to air mail collection. The News hereby serves notice that the mere fact that this or that town has announced its intention to build an air port will no longer be considered of sufficient news value to gain mention in its columns.

According to a survey just completed by the American Transport Association there are already 367 aviation fields in the United States and a total of 700 other cities and counties have already announced their intention to construct an airport. When any of these places can announce air mail service from their airports, the News will consider the announcement as of interest to its readers.

Extension of C. A. M. Route 9

On December 15, the air mail route from Chicago to Minneapolis will add a spur route from Milwaukee to Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Appleton and Green Bay, Wisconsin. A special cachet will be supplied the four new towns to signalize the event.

The Bluish Paper Bogey

Before someone begins to print stories about the new Air Mail stamps being on blue paper we are reminded by the bluish color on the margins of the stamp on a cover just received, to advise collectors that the bluish color comes from poorly wiped plates and that the stamps are not printed on blue paper.

Special Cachet at Cleveland Dec. 17

A special cachet, no doubt complimentary to the Wright Brothers will be used at Cleveland, Ohio, on December 17. Covers can be sent to Mr. Parker Hill, Assistant Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio.

A Joke on Lindbergh

A newspaper item bearing the headline "Matador With Lindbergh," states that the Colonel has been doing a little touring and sight-seeing in Mexico City with one of the most famous and popular matadors. We can imagine the enthusiastic Mexican crowds shouting, "What's the matador with Lindbergh? He's all right."

Yes, that's pretty sad, we'll admit, but you know we don't indulge in humor like that very often.

—Aviation.

International Aeronautical Exposition Cachet

At the time our copy is turned in to the type setting machines there has already arrived covers mailed December 1 and December 2, from the Aeronautical Show at Chicago. The first day cachet is in violet while that for the second day is in orange.

We are of the belief that the cachets will be changed in color each day so that when the set is complete there will be nine different colors. It seems that if such is the case that someone will have to invent some new colors in rubber stamp ink.

CAM 9 ADDITION

Dec. 15th, there were four new towns added to a spur route out of Milwaukee on the Chicago-Twin Cities route. I can let you have complete coverage, 20 covers from this route for \$3. or one cover from each city, total 5 for ONE DOLLAR. All covers addressed point to point, properly backstamped and cacheted. I do not have the "%Postmaster" type.

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The cachet is composed of two globes, one of the eastern and one of the western hemisphere with an air plane flying over the top. Below the globes, with the first word lettered across the bottom of the globe, are the words:

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Mail Clerks on Air Planes

W. Irving Glover, acting postmaster general stated in an interview at Minneapolis recently that within a year the postoffice department will have mail clerks on air mail planes and that mail will be sorted and handled while in flight. Mr. Glover also made the prediction that air mail traffic would show a 200 per cent increase over August 1, 1928, by January 1, 1929.

The Wright Brothers

In the December number of *Airway Age* is a very lengthy and interesting article on the Wright Brothers. Everyone interested in the historical facts and data regarding the Wrights should secure a copy of this magazine. Incidentally, this publication wishes to correct an error made in its issue for November 19. In this number it was stated that Orville Wright was dead. It was Wilbur Wright who died on May 29, 1912, after a brief illness with typhoid fever contracted on a business trip to Boston.

Air Mail Expert is Hockey Coach

Mr. Holcomb York, publisher of the American Air Mail Catalogue also proprietor of The Berkshire Exchange, dealers in Air Mail Covers, is a man of many vocations as well as avocations. In fact it would be hard for the outsider to tell which was which, so active is this peppy and popular stamp man. Mr. York has been a pioneer in the Air Mail game both as a collector and dealer, in fact the avocation of Aviation souvenirs has almost become a vocation. Mr. York also has very large Orchard interests and it is to this interest that he will plan to give most of his time. On the side, however, he is a sportsman and an enthusiast on Hockey. At the present time he is spending his days at New Haven, Conn., where he will coach the Yale Freshmen Team in Hockey. Let us hope that he does not conceive the brilliant idea of starting a postal route via ice skates, with the customary lot of first day covers.

Cleveland Chatter

The next BIG Event for the old Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, will be the annual Banquet next March. As usual, we will try and make this a big affair, and it is not too early to start planning it, nor for out of town members to decide to attend.

Speaking of out of town members we have several who are pretty regular at our Annuals, but the gold medal sure goes to good old Robert J. (Bob) Wagner, who has journeyed from Fostoria, Ohio, each March for many years, only interruption being when he was in the Service. Another fairly regular attendant has been the old editor HIMSELF, Geo. Linn. Much as we like his new Weekly, we trust it will not keep him away in March, 1929.

Albert Greco of the Greco Stamp Co., is plugging along steadily, always on the job. And he is doing some nice business too.

Among our Garfield-Perry members, we have "President" Frank Grant, Doctor J. H. Schneider, Doctor N. P. McGay, Prof. A. H. Hitchcock, Attorney F. W. Green, Musical Director Friedrich Janssen, Treasurer A. S. Hill, and Auctioneer "Bill" Whittaker. Isn't this a fine array of "Titles"?

The regular monthly auction of the G. P. was held Nov. 30th, and realized \$24.35, but the fact that there were five Fridays that month must have hurt the attendance, which was much smaller than usual for auction night, so only about half the lots were sold, balance being reserved for early in December.

**CHANGES IN SCOTT
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The Scott Stamp & Coin Company announce the following changes in prices from quotations in the 1929 edition of their catalog. Collectors should mark their catalog at once and keep it up to date. A dash denotes that the price in the catalog should be deleted.

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"	550a	—	—	
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Greece	1102a	2.50	1.50	
Nicaragua	401	.08	.15	
"	402	.10	.15	
"	403	.10	.15	
"	404	.12	.50	
"	405	.18	.50	
"	406	.20	.70	
"	407	.25	.75	
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PRECANCEL DOPE

Written by

Howard Starr Dickey

Precancels—what a word to attract attention nowadays; everybody collects them now, and each one has his special pets, Government Prints or "Bureaus", Coils, special issues, lucky 13's, Indian Head 14's, Wilson 17's—favorite states, and what not? Years ago the big fellows turned up their nose at precancel collectors—to day they stand on their toes to trade stamps with him or buy from him,—how time changes viewpoints: I stood at the turn of the road years ago and helped to make precancels popular. It was work then, now it's a pleasure. They needed our advocate then—today they speak for themselves.

The collector of today little realizes what the old timers had to contend with in their effort to popularize precancel collecting; but knowing that U. S. stamps had a big future, I and some of the other fine fellows put our shoulder to the wheel and pushed the cart along. Today, no one can stop it. United States stamps are the easiest to get and are likewise the most popular all over the world; so why shouldn't everybody pick up all of them that they can get. It pays to save every U. S. stamp you can because the general issues are used up so quickly and changed so rapidly that even the stamps which are common today become rarities tomorrow. Several recent examples of that fact are the Government Bureaus of Milwaukee with the little joker in the name, in two of the stamps they spelled it "Mik"—the idea of a "Mick" being found in Milwaukee (N. B.) this is a joke, but it's a darn good joke if you happen to find one of the stamps with the error spelling for they should soon sell readily for a five dollar bill.

Now I believe in general collecting because everybody who collects stamps generally acquires a "dukes mixture" of a little of everything; so why not save 'em all? Some of the stamps which I collected years ago and couldn't give away (much less sell) are today, among the most popular items on the market and are selling high, so it speaks well for general collecting as an investment. I find that foreign collectors are glad to trade for our so

called common precancels as well as the regular cancelled U. S.

Precancel collecting can be followed along the lines of least resistance—by collecting big states and big cities—easiest to acquire because they use so many of them or by collecting the cities and states that use the fewest stamps and are therefore the hardest to get. To me the value of a stamp is secondary, the real fun of collecting precancels is the quest or hunt to get the stamps necessary to complete some set or city.

Every collector who collects everything that comes along, will at the end of thirty days have some stamps that the next collector who looks over his stamps would give his last dime to acquire. It seems like every collector finds some stamp or other that the other fellow hasn't got or wants, so it pays to save everything stampic.

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Nord Amerika.

Cover bears a blue rubber stamp inscription in a circle: "Deficiency in Direction supplied by New York Postoffice". And, written plainly in red ink across the face of the cover we find, "Madison, Ind."

Another puzzling address, originating from Italy, was a letter addressed merely "St. Senate"—it is my understanding that upon calling it to a blind negro, whom I have heard was in the P. O. at Washington many years ago, he promptly said, "Cincinnati, Ohio."

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Mr. E. R. Unthank of Princeton, Indiana, refers to an editorial in the November 26 number of this paper and states that of the members of the Philatelic Plate Number Association, nearly 80 per cent of them collect their plate numbers in single copies with number attached. Mr. Unthank says that even in this form some of them are quite rare. A common 2c Omaha stamp with number 667 attached is known in only one copy which is in the possession of Mr. Unthank. It would seem that collectors should get the habit of saving all their used or unused single stamps with plate numbers, there seems to be a good demand for such.

Metropolitan Issues Fine Set List

The 1929 edition of the Metropolitan Stamp Company list of sets is one that will interest every collector. Many choice sets are offered and since so many collectors have acquired the habit of buying in sets the list should bring them very good results. The list contains 46 pages and cover, 6x9 inches in size.

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Sweden 3s Error Brings Record Price

Mr. Buell A. French of Hartford, Conn., sends a newspaper clipping in which it is said that John Ramberg of Gothenberg, Sweden, has paid 37,500 kronen for a copy of Sweden Number 1a, the 3s orange error. The normal stamp is printed in blue. The Swedish Krona is valued at 26 and 7-10 cents, making the price for the stamp \$10,012.50. The stamp is listed used by Scott at \$4,000. It is unpriced unused. The news item does not state whether the stamp was used or unused and it is possible, due to the price that it may have been an unused copy. We quote the price without responsibility as to the correctness of same.

Phillips' Monthly Bulletin

W. C. Phillips & Co., of Hartford, Conn., have just issued the 68th number of their Monthly Bulletin. This number has 56 pages and the publishers advise us that the business from the bulletin service has been very satisfactory. No doubt the greatest reason why the bulletin has been producing satisfactory business is

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